

Graduate Application Information: Chemistry Department

Thank you for considering our graduate program. Please read the information below and explore the linked websites. We do not pre-screen applicants. Our admissions committee will evaluate every **complete** application. We guarantee support to Ph.D students in good academic standing for five years, if needed. First-year support (12 months) as of Fall 2021 will be around \$30,000-\$32,000 in combined TAsip/RAsip stipends. Waivers of tuition and most fees. Graduate students also receive a substantial discount on health insurance.

Graduate School is a separate entity from the various departments and graduate programs, such as Chemistry. Please note that we cannot review application materials (or even see them) until the Graduate School processes and make them available to us.

If you need assistance or information, please contact Ms. Rebecca David at rldavid@umass.edu.

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| Chemistry Website | <p>https://www.umass.edu/chemistry ☞ Note the “Faculty and Research” section.</p> <p>Also see Institute for Applied Life Sciences: https://www.umass.edu/ials/</p> |
| Fall Admission, PhD Applications Only | <p>We do not have spring admission. A doctoral student can earn an MS degree “en route” to the PhD. However, we do not accept applications for the MS degree. Total number of students admitted vary year-by-year.</p> |
| Graduate Admissions | <p>534 Goodell Bldg, University of Massachusetts, 140 Hicks Way, Amherst MA 01003-9333 URL: http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/admissions Email: gradadm@grad.umass.edu Phone 413-545-0722 Fax: 413-577-0010</p> |
| Application Fee | <p>\$80. Pay directly to the Graduate School. The Graduate School does not allow fee-waivers for international applicants. We departments cannot see an application unless the fee is paid.</p> <p>Also note the additional information for <i>international students</i> http://www.umass.edu/gradschool/admissions/international-students</p> |
| Uploading Documents in “Add Materials” | <p>“Add Materials” is where you upload documents in the online application. Carefully read the instructions on the Add Materials page. ☞ <i>Save v. Submit: You can save the application and work on it later. Hitting “Submit” locks you out of the application!</i></p> |
| Submitting Documents after Filing the Application | <p>To submit documents after you file the online application, email documents as PDF to the Graduate School: gradadm@grad.umass.edu</p> |
| Format of Attachments | <p>PDF format only. No image formats (jpgs, PNGs, GIF or TIFF.)</p> |
| Deadline | <p>Dec 15th. The application form and fee must be filed by the December 15th deadline, but supporting materials may arrive later (within reason, e.g., by mid-January). We review applications on a rolling basis as opposed to all at once, and generally wait for a file to be complete.</p> |
| Late Applications | <p><i>Applications filed after the deadline are automatically bumped to the next admit-term (Fall 2022) by the Graduate School.</i> Work-Around: Enter the current application period (Fall 2021) on the application form. We then know you are a current applicant and will correct the admit-term later when we enter an admission decision into the system. Best to consult with the Chemistry Department before submitting a late application:</p> |
| Objectives Page of the Online Application and Research Interests Form | <p>Select “Doctoral Degree” as your objective and “Chemistry (PhD)” as your Degree(s)</p> <p>A button then appears: “Program Web Site” links to our Research Interests Form Website”</p> |

Research Interests Form

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| Research Interests Form | <p>Link (via Google Forms): https://forms.gle/VxSysdA9hpPbmWQJ6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compete and submit the online form. Do not use the sample form provided online. • If you are unable to access this link due to restrictions within your country, please contact us. |
| Submission of Research Interests Form | <p>1. With the online application – before you hit the submit button (preferred) Once you submit the online Research Interests Form, it will automatically generate a PDF and email it to your email address. You can then submit this PDF along with other application materials.</p> <p>2. After you submit the application Once you submit the online Research Interests Form, it will automatically generate a PDF and email it to your email address. Email the PDF directly to graduate school: gradattach@grad.umass.edu</p> |

Other Application Materials

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| Statement of Purpose (SOP) or Personal Statement | The graduate application lists SOP as personal statement. Describe your research interests, passion, motivation, background, goals. Tell us why you wish to pursue graduate education and how/why our graduate program is a good fit. The Research Interests form does not replace SOP. |
| Recommendation Letters/References | <p>Minimum: 2 Letters Preferred: 3 Letters</p> <p>Letter writers should comment on your educational background and preparation for graduate school</p> |
| Resume | Submit your resume to the Graduate School/Graduate Admissions, same as other application materials |
| Standardized Exam/Test Scores (GREs, TOEFL...) | <p>Use 3917 code for sending test scores to UMass Graduate School</p> <p>Test scores should be sent to the Graduate School -- not to the Department.</p> <p>There is <i>No Department Code</i> for Chemistry Department. There is only the Graduate School code (3917).</p> <p>☞ ☞ If you must enter something for a departmental code use 0000.</p> |
| GRE General Test | The requirement for the GRE general exam is waived for 2021 admission. . |

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| <p>TOEFL/IELTS</p> | <p>The minimum score for the TOEFL is 550 paper/213 computer/80 internet. For the IELTS, 6.5 is the minimum combined score.</p> <p>Our more successful international applicants have TOEFL scores of 600/250/100 minimum. The TSE is of particular interest to us.</p> <p>The TOEFL/IELTS should be taken within two years of the entrance date. (If you scored high enough on the previous test you may not need a retake.)</p> <p>Exemptions from the TOEFL/IELT are discussed in the FAQ section of the Graduate School's Admissions page, see "Can the TOEFL requirement be waived?"</p> |
| <p>Copies of Test Scores & Transcripts (Official vs. Unofficial)</p> | <p>Unofficial copies of test scores and transcripts are acceptable for us to review your application.</p> <p>If we offer admission, you must submit official documents before the Graduate School will process a formal admission.</p> <p>No admission offer is official until the Graduate School approves and implements it.</p> |
| <p>Transcripts & GPA Conversion (International Students)</p> | <p>If the grading system at your university is not the standard for the USA, you can use one of the Graduate-School approved organizations http://www.naces.org/members.htm to provide an official conversion of your transcript/GPA.</p> <p>You can list your actual GPA on the Graduate-School application and briefly explain what the grading system is. Usually this information is provided on your transcript, but your notation on the application form would be helpful.</p> <p><i>Example:</i> Your GPA is 92/100 on 100-point scale, or 18/20 on a 20 point-scale, etc.</p> |

Checking Application File and Status

Roughly a week after you pay the application fee, the Graduate School (via campus IT) will email you a **Net ID and access code. This will allow you to check your application status and see which application materials have been received (logged).** *You cannot see the actual documents, only a list of what has been logged in thus far by the Graduate School.* It is your responsibility to check your application file and ensure that it is complete.

After we make a final decision on your application, the Graduate School will send you an email prompt to check your application status. Accepted applicants also hear immediately from us, the Chemistry Department.

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Link to check your application status and file (*after you have the admissions ID and access code*): http://webapp.spire.umass.edu/admissions/htdocs/applicant/gradapp_logon.html